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NOTICE

Approval of Proposed Metrology Procedure

The Economic Regulation Authority has approved the proposed metrology procedure submitted by Western Power and Horizon Power under Part 6 of the *Electricity Metering Code 2005*.

Both documents are identical in content as they were prepared by Western Power which has a Service Level Agreement to act for Horizon Power as its metering data agent.

The metrology procedure sets out the obligations and duties with regards to meters, metering installations and the provision of energy data imposed by the Metering Code upon network operators including the connection of metering installations to the telecommunications network. The metrology procedure provides guidance on the correct provision, installation and maintenance of metering installations in line with the principles set out in the Metering Code and provides guidance to interested third parties, such as metering manufacturers, on the requirements for metering within the Western Australian electricity system.

The approval followed a notice published by the Authority on 29 June 2006 saying that Western Power and Horizon Power had sought approval of the proposed metrology procedure.

The Authority is satisfied that the public consultation process undertaken in developing the metrology procedure is consistent with the requirements of the Metering Code, and has taken into account the views of Metering Code participants. The Authority also considered the submissions of interested parties in giving its approval.

The Authority is satisfied that the proposed metrology procedure complies with clause 6.5 of the Metering Code as it:

- complies with the Metering Code;
- does not impose inappropriate barriers to entry to a market;
- is consistent with good electricity industry practice;
- is reasonable;
- is consistent with the Code objectives;
- is consistent with the market rules; and
- is consistent with other enactments, to the extent that they are relevant,

as well as clauses 6.8 and 6.11 of the Metering Code.

The approved metrology procedure and decision of the Authority are available from the Authority's website at: www.era.wa.gov.au/electricity/meteringCode.cfm.

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